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San Onofre Decision Not Expected to Affect Riverside Public Utilities

The decision by Southern California Edison to permanently retire units 2 and 3 of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) is not expected to have a significant impact on the City of Riverside Public Utilities.

Riverside Public Utilities (RPU) is a 1.79 percent, non-operating, co-owner of SONGS. RPU has a diverse energy portfolio, including renewable energy, and the permanent closure of SONGS is not expected to affect RPU's ability to meet its energy requirements.

RPU has been developing contingency plans for this possibility for more than a year, according to General Manager David H. Wright. In the past several months, RPU stepped up its preparations in case SONGS did not restart by obtaining additional replacement power supplies, including renewables.

"We do not believe this decision by SCE will have a significant impact on rates or our power supply," Wright said, adding that Riverside officials did not receive any advance notice of the SCE announcement.

Riverside already has funded its proportional share of decommissioning costs, Wright said.

To assist with grid reliability in Southern California, RPU has worked with residents and businesses to minimize power consumption in the summer, when electricity needs are highest. As part of the Power Partners program, for example, residents and businesses agree to conserve energy and decrease power usage if called upon by RPU power managers.

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Established in 1895, Riverside Public Utilities is a consumer-owned water and electric utility governed by a board of nine community volunteers that provides high quality, reliable services to over 106,000 metered electric customers and up to 64,000 metered water customers throughout the City of Riverside. The Utility is committed to increased use of renewable energy resources and sustainable living practices that help reduce environmental impacts within the City of Riverside and the state of California.

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